

An aerial photograph of a historic city, likely Tallinn, Estonia, featuring a prominent church with a tall, green-roofed spire. The city is characterized by red-tiled roofs and white buildings. A blue text box is overlaid on the image, containing the text 'incoming BALTIC TOURS'.

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GRAND MONGOLIAN EXPEDITION

**JUNE-SEPTEMBER 2018,
8 DAYS/ 7 NIGHTS**

DATES:

GME01: 02.06-09.06.18
GME02: 30.06-07.07.18
GME03: 04.08-11.08.18
GME04: 01.09-08.09.18

PACKAGE PRICES PER PERSON:

EUR 1645.00 (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)
EUR 300.00 (SINGLE SUPPLEMENT)

INCLUDING:

- 2 overnights at centrally located 4 star hotel
- 5 overnights at traditional Mongolian Ger Camps, single and double occupancy, 3 overnights at standard Ger Camps with shared facilities, 2 overnights a superior Ger Camp with private facilities
- 7 x buffet or set menu breakfast
- 5 x lunch (2 x 4-course lunch with tea, 2 x picnic lunch with tea, 1 x BBQ lunch with nomadic family)
- 6 x dinner including fare-well dinner (3-course dinners with coffee/tea)
- Personalized welcome package
- Entrances to National Museum of Mongolian History, Gandan Monastery, Erdenezuu Monastery, Ruins of Ongi Monastery, Fauna and Flora Museum and all national parks
- Service of English speaking tour escort on all tours
- Service of 1st class coach or 1st class minivan in Ulaanbaatar and 1st class 4WD jeeps (Toyota land cruisers) throughout the expedition outside Ulaanbaatar, max 3 persons in each jeep
- Portage at hotel

SMALL GROUPS:

Max 21 guests in the groups.

Min booking of 2 guests, latest booking 15 days prior to arrival.

DAY 1 (SATURDAY): ARRIVAL ULAANBAATAR

Arrival in Ulaanbaatar, optional transfer to Hotel Bayangol****, check-in, Ulaanbaatar is a large city of pulsating commerce, noisy traffic and buzzing urban life and in between islands of serenity - quiet monastery courtyards and public squares with calming fountains. During the afternoon sightseeing tour we see Genghis Khan Square at the heart of the city and the surrounding buildings: Parliament House, State Opera & Ballet Theatre, Cultural Palace and the House of City Council. Moreover, we visit the National Museum of Mongolian History, which features Mongolian history from pre-historic time to present days and the Gandan Monastery, the largest functioning Buddhist monastery in Mongolia.

DAY 2 (SUNDAY): ULAANBAATAR-KHARKHORIN

Through beautiful landscapes of steppe, river valleys and rolling hills we drive westwards to Kharkhorin (375 km), the ancient capital of the Great Mongolian Empire. The city founded in the valley of the Orkhon River in 1220 was the capital of the Great Mongolian Empire until Kublai Khan, grandson of Genghis Khan, moved the capital to Beijing during the Yuan Dynasty. Nearby Erdenezuu Monastery is the oldest surviving Buddhist monastery in Mongolia and was founded on the ruins of ancient Kharkhorin in 1586. We visit the monastery's magnificent exhibits, which include an extraordinary collection of Buddhist paintings, special costumes for religious dances and superb Buddhist iconography in true Mongolian and Tibetan style. Check-in at at Kharkhoriin Anar Ger Camp (standard). Lunch and dinner at the Ger Camp.

DAY 3 (MONDAY): KHARKHORIN-MIDDLE GOBI (ONGI MONASTERY)

We leave Kharkhorin and continue south to the Ongi Monastery (250 km), located in Saihan-Ovoo in the Middle Gobi land. En route, we enjoy a traditional Mongolian BBQ lunch with a nomadic family. We visit the ruins of the Ongi Monastery, which was founded in 1660 and consisted of two temple complexes on the North and South of the River Ongi. At its heyday, Ongi Monastery housed around 30 temples, four large Buddhist universities and over 1000 monks at a time. Check-in at the Ongiin Nuuts Ger Camp (standard). Dinner at the Ger Camp.

DAY 4 (TUESDAY): GOBI DESERT (BAYANZAG)

Today we continue into the Gobi Desert to explore the Bayanzag Cliffs (250 km). In the early afternoon we arrive at the ancient red rock creation, Bayanzag, formed 60-70 million years ago. The striking red Bayanzag Cliffs contain vast amounts of dinosaur fossils, eggs and bones and are neighbored by Saxaul tree forests. We will trek around the surrounding areas. Check-in at the Goviin Naran Ger Camp (superior) Lunch and dinner at the Ger Camp.

DAY 5 (WEDNESDAY): GOBI DESERT (YOL VALLEY)

Today we explore the majestic Gobi Gurvan Saikhan National Park (100 km), the largest national park in Mongolia stretching 380 km from east to west and 80 km from north to south. We visit the incredible Yol Valley, an unusual narrow canyon of a river flowing through the Zuun Saikhan Mountains to admire the scenery of a frozen river in the middle of the hot Gobi desert. We visit the local Fauna and Flora Museum and enjoy a picnic lunch. Return to the Goviin Naran Ger Camp. Dinner at the Ger Camp.



DAY 6 (THURSDAY): MIDDLE GOBI (BAGA GAZRIIN CHULUU)

We drive north to Middle Gobi province (400 km). Driving through the endless green grassland, we enjoy the stunning natural scenery. En route, we meet the nomads on the steppe with their hordes of sheep, cattle or horses and we enjoy a picnic lunch. In the late afternoon, we reach our Ger Camp at Baga Gazriin Chuluu. Check-in at the Erdene Ukhaa Ger Camp (standard). Dinner at the Ger Camp.

DAY 7 (FRIDAY): MIDDLE GOBI-ULAANBAATAR

We continue our scenic drive to the north through the Baga Garziin Chuluu Basalt and Granite Mountains (200 km). We reach Ulaanbaatar at noon and check-in at Hotel Bayangol****. The afternoon offers an optional guided shopping tour to cashmere and antique shops, and to the Central Department Store. In the evening, we enjoy a farewell dinner at Restaurant Modern Nomads with traditional Mongolian cuisine.

DAY 8 (SATURDAY): ULAANBAATAR DEPARTURE

Breakfast. Optional transfer to airport.

OPTIONAL:

- Transfer from airport to Hotel Bayangol or vice versa: EUR 50.00 for private car (1-3 persons) and EUR 60.00 for private minivan (4-7 persons)
- 3-hour guided shopping tour: EUR 30.00 pp
- Dinner at hotel (3-course dinner with coffee/tea): EUR 25.00 pp

VISA

Most nationalities need visa to Mongolia.: Visa can be obtained at arrival at Genghis Khan International Airport for residents of countries, where there is NO Mongolian consulate. Residents of countries, where there is a Mongolian consulate, are required to apply for visa here. Costs for visa support for issuing visa are included into the rates.

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BOOKING CONDITIONS

CANCELLATION CONDITIONS

The seller reserves the right to charge the following cancellation fees: for cancellations from 28-21 days prior to arrival - 30% of the basic tour price, for cancellations 20-7 days prior to arrival - 60% of the basic tour price, 6-1 days prior to arrival - 70% of the basic tour price and for "no show" - 75% of the basic tour price.

VISA SUPPORT

Our issued visa support letter is not visa itself and valid visa must be obtained prior to arrival, where required. If visa support letters have been supplied timely and correctly, we do not resume responsibility for guests arriving without valid visa.

FORCE MAJEURE

The seller shall not be liable for any delay or failure in its performance of any of the services, when such delay or failure arises for reasons beyond its reasonable control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, civil insurrection, blockade, labour disputes and strikes, material shortages, embargoes, rationing, acts of local, state or national governments or public agencies, utility or communication failures or delays, fire, acts of war, floods and epidemics.

PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

We reserve the right to amend the itinerary and/or included entrances without prior notice due to weather conditions or interference of local authorities, which is out of our control or the control of our suppliers. Should the itinerary and/or program be amended due to unforeseen circumstances, we will endeavour to find suitable alternative activities.

3RD PERSON AND CHILD POLICY

The price for an adult in an extra bed is the same as the price per person in a double room. To provide triple occupancy we are generally booking a higher room category for the comfort of our guests. Children

between 2 - 11 years old receive a discount when sharing a room with two paying adults. Extra beds may be folding beds and do not in all cases offer same comfort as a regular bed.

TRANSFER INFORMATION

If arrival transfer is booked, a driver will meet the guests with a name-board reading their names inside the arrival hall of the airport of arrival. If arrival transfer is not booked, the guests will be met by the tour leader of the group at the welcome meeting at the hotel lobby on the day of arrival at 07.00PM, local time. For some programs timing might differ. In this case information about the welcome meeting will be provided by check in. For tours starting in Copenhagen no welcome meeting is held but instead the guests receive a personalized welcome package with all relevant information. In case of late arrival, the tour leader will leave info material at hotel reception and we ask the guests to be at hotel lobby next morning at 08.45AM. Departure transfers in Warsaw, Vilnius, Riga, Tallinn, Helsinki and Lviv

are performed 2 hours before flight, in Stockholm 2.5 hours before flight, in St. Petersburg, Kazan and Ulanbaatar 3 hours before flight and in Moscow 4 hours before flight. This timing has been estimated based on our knowledge and experience working in these destinations, considering traffic in each particular city, driving time and required time at the airport check-in counters.

EMERGENCY

In a case of an emergency situation (missing arrival or departure transfer, missed start of excursion or any other service irregularity), please use our emergency numbers: +371 26135245 in The Baltic Countries, +371 28657523 in Russia and +371 29172752 in Poland, Belarus, Mongolia and Scandinavia). Our office hours are Monday to Friday 09.00 - 18.00 GMT+2. During office hours please contact us on +371 67338651, +371 67338644 or +371 67338647.



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